

The cleanup of Waukegan harbor will open the largest economic development program in northern Illinois. One study showed that this environmental restoration program will raise the value of Lake County property by \$800 million - \$53,000 per home in Waukegan alone.

Yesterday, we joined Mayor Hyde, USEPA, IEPA and the Army Corps outlining next year's cleaning of the outer harbor. This will be followed by a \$35 million cleanup of the inner harbor - most of which will be paid for by the federal government.

I want to give special thanks to the environmental community, led by Cam Davis and the Alliance for the Great Lakes. Our effort puts in place his vision of Waukegan harbor as the first Great Lakes harbor to be removed from the polluted site list.